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This is, doubtless, the question you are asking yourself. Here is the answer: If you are a manufacturer co-operate fully with the Engineers so they can do their job quickly and efficiently; if you are a working man help your employer to help the Engineers and be prepared, if so needed, to be a Soldier in Industry, behind the firing line, which is just as important as being a soldier on the firing line; if you are a business man or a professional man, or whoever you are, help mobilize "GOOD WILL" behind this patriotic task of the Engineers in behalf of National Defense and International Peace.

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Doctors recommend a vegetable diet. Griggs, the grocer, can supply it. He has also a variety of fine meat stuffs. (adv.)

Vote early next Tuesday; and be sure your ballot gives you its full value, mark your second choice wherever three or more are candidates for the same office.

The Womans Civic Improvement Association will hold its regular meeting at the library, Friday, June 2nd. Everybody come.—SECRETARY.

A. J. Kinsel's store on King street now presents a more attractive interior appearance, since contractor Martin has finished installing the new shelves and counters that were formerly used in the Goff dry goods store.

It is the desire of The Woman's Civic Association to make the bathing pavilion a popular and pleasant place, where old and young may enjoy themselves, but many women and children have so great a fear of being ducked or pulled under water that it amounts to a perfect horror and, as this practice has been in vogue ever since the opening of the bath house two weeks ago, the Association has decided to restrict this practice to the area outside the ropes so that ladies may feel perfectly safe from unpleasant liberties of this sort so long as they remain inside the ropes. With this rule enforced we hope that the old ladies as well as the young ones, will avail themselves of the healthful and delightful pastime we have made it possible for them to enjoy.—The Woman's Civic Association.

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Gibbs St. Punta Gorda.

## McMullen Talks on Eligibility of Senator F. M. Hudson

The editor of the Democrat asked Hon. Don C. McMullen, yesterday, to give his opinion on the eligibility of Hon. Fred M. Hudson for governor.

He said: "The popular mind does not regard with favor the defeat of what is right and fair by technical rules, even when such rules are clear, but to invoke the strained and illogical construction of the constitution by which the opponents of Mr. Hudson assert that he is ineligible, ought to bring on such methods and their circulators, the disapproval of all fair minded people. Constitutions and laws should not be construed in the light of the particular interests of particular individuals, but with a view to the attainment of justice, and in the light of reason and common sense. The politicians who have raised this question insist that Mr. Hudson is disqualified by the provision of the constitution forbidding a senator or member of the house of representatives during the term for which he was elected, being elected or appointed to any office the emoluments of which have been increased during such time. Looking at it from a legal or common sense standpoint, such a conclusion to my mind is absurd, and its use as campaign material is unfair.

The election occurs on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November. Mr. Hudson's term expires that day. But the curbstone expounders of the law say his term as senator doesn't expire until midnight, and as the election closes at sundown, he is necessarily elected governor while the twilight of his senatorial term still lingers. This causes an overlapping of the terms of the two offices of some five or six hours, they contend. Now Mr. Hudson has been elected senator for three successive terms. Each time he was elected and each time his term expired on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November. If the construction of these people is correct, Mr. Hudson continued to be senator for five or six hours at the end of each term after he had been elected to succeed himself. In other words he was enjoying the honor of two terms at the same time. Does any intelligent man after a moment's thought believe that Mr. Hudson's first term as senator continued after his election to his third term, or that his second term continued after his election to his third term? Most assuredly not. A position so ridiculous would not for a moment be countenanced by any person of ordinary information, let him be layman or lawyer. It is on an intellectual plane with the controversy of the ancient wise men who conceding all power to the Creator, discussed the question as to whether or not he could put the earth in a pint cup without making the earth smaller or the cup larger. Then it necessarily follows that if his term as senator did not overlap his succeeding term as senator, that his term as senator would not overlap the time of his election as governor. So much for the common sense side of the question, but the legal view is just as much in favor of Mr. Hudson's eligibility. Our supreme court has never passed upon the question, but the supreme court of some six or seven states have held that constitutional and statutory provisions touching the eligibility of a person to hold office, should be so construed so as to uphold the eligibility if possible. Then it is an old maxim of the law recognized by all courts from the supreme court of the United States down that, "the law cares not for small things." Two thousand years ago, the Roman praetor would have dismissed this quibble with the remark, "de minimis non curat lex"—the law cares not for trifles—and today it is a matter altogether too small for fairminded men to give themselves concern about.

(Paid Advertisement)

The average man would rather visit a dentist than his wife's relatives.

### Dangers of Draft

Drafts feel best when they are hot and perspiring, just when they are most dangerous and the result is Neuralgia, Stiff Neck, Sore Muscles or sometimes an attack of Rheumatism. In such cases apply Sloan's Liniment. It stimulates circulation to the sore and painful part. The blood flows freely and in a short time the stiffness and pain leaves. Those suffering from Neuralgia or Neuralgic Headache will find one or two applications of Sloan's Liniment will give grateful relief. The agonizing pain gives way to a tingling sensation of comfort and warmth and quiet rest and sleep is possible. Good for Neuritis too. Price 25c at your Druggist. (Advertisement)

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## PUT YOUR "DUDS" IN OUR "SUDS"

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Adam Silcox, Agent For

## Bartow Steam Laundry,

Bartow, Florida.

### Anniversary Club Meeting

On Wednesday afternoon, May the 24th, the bath house pavilion was the scene of a very enjoyable occasion, when the Married Ladies Social Club celebrated its eleventh anniversary. Each member invited one or more guests, there being about forty-five present in all.

Mrs. S. J. Hewitt and W. E. Mobley had arranged a very interesting program which the president, Mrs. S. I. Huffman, began by having the members repeat the club motto. Mrs. McWilliams sang a very beautiful selection with Miss Ruth McWilliams accompanying on the cornet. Mrs. S. J. Hewitt then read the Club history beginning with the first meeting which was held with Mrs. F. K. Adams on Thursday afternoon, May the 24th, 1905. During these eleven years forty ladies have held membership in the club. Many of them have moved to other locations and death has claimed two, Mrs. A. P. Jordan and Mrs. F. K. Adams.

After the reading of the history Miss Sallie Jones and Louise Gaudier each gave a very interesting character reading; Mrs. Sturdy a vocal selection, which was excellently executed, with Mr. and Mrs. Goldstein as violin accompanists; and Mr. and Mrs. Goldstein very beautifully rendered a special selection. Two pretty little vocal duets—one by Louise Gaudier and Dick Cooper, and one by Louise Gaudier and Elizabeth Cooper completed the program which was greatly enjoyed. The ladies of the Civic Association then served a delicious two course luncheon and the club enjoyed a social hour.—MRS. W. L. KOON, Sec.

### FOR YOUR CHILD'S COUGH

If your child has a cold, nose runs or coughs much get a small bottle of Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey. Its a pleasant Pine-Tar-Honey syrup, just what children like and just the medicine to soothe the cough and check the cold. After taking, children stop fretting, sleep good and are soon entirely well. Insist on Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey. 25c at your Druggist.

## Local and Personal

### Happenings of Interest

Primary election Tuesday.

New line of ladies hats at Kinsels. (adv.)

Royal Poinciannas about town are again gorgeous with bloom.

Light weight hats and caps at Kinsels. (adv.)

W. R. Eubank was a recent business visitor to Arcadia.

Rub-My-Tism—Antiseptic, Anodyne—Kills pain, stops putrefaction. (adv.) 18-20.

G. C. Bovay went up to Fort Ogden, Friday, for a few days' visit.

A full line of staple and fancy groceries, fresh and reliable, at A. P. Hatch's tf. (adv.)

Mrs. Nat Anthony of Tampa, is the guest of Miss Ruth Johns, while visiting in this city.

No. 666 will cure Malaria or Bilious Fever. It kills the germs. (adv.) 18-20.

Mrs. E. A. White has returned from a two-week's visit in Arcadia.

High grade candies, a fine assortment at A. P. Hatch's Corner Grocery. tf. (adv.)

Wm. Rosenbaum of the Marlboro section, went up to Deland, Monday for a visit of a few days.

No. 666 will cure Chills and Fever. It is the most speedy remedy we know. (adv.) 18-20.

Fire, originating from defective flue, destroyed a cottage on Sullivan street, Saturday morning. The house belonged to Mrs. S. J. Hewitt, but was occupied by J. L. Goff and family, who lost a large part of their household goods. A prompt response to the fire alarm and the good pressure kept on the water mains after the hose was brought into play brought the fire under control before other near-by houses caught.

You can get Smith's bread, cakes and pies from any store. (adv.)

Mrs. Horrell, after a short visit to her daughter, Mrs. J. M. Willis, in this city, returned, Friday, to her home at Arcadia.

Fresh fruits of all kinds in their seasons; a nice line of candies, confections and fancy groceries at R. M. King's. tf (adv.)

County Commissioners Whitten of this city, and Hagan of Charlotte Harbor, were in attendance upon a special meeting of the board in Arcadia, Monday.

Monday's Arcadia News.—Charles Bickley, assistant principal of the Punta Gorda High school arrived in this city yesterday afternoon and will remain here for a few days as the guest of his brother, J. O. Bickley.

## The Rexall Store

### DELICIOUS DRINKS

Our pure ice cream and real fruit flavors make the refreshments that you get at our fountain really nourishing food. And we try to keep our serving dishes and receptacles as clean and wholesome as the best housewife in this town keeps her kitchen. Stop in here and get a thirst- quencher; then take a pail of cream home to the family.

**SEMINOLE PHARMACY,**  
PUNTA GORDA, FLORIDA.

Mr. Fred Campbell came up from Fort Myers, Saturday, and stayed over till Sunday night, visiting the parents of Mrs. Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. C. Moger.

T. Z. B. Everton left Monday morning for Sarasota, where he will enter upon the practice of law, having been just admitted to the bar. By years of study he is well qualified for the work of his chosen profession, and his many friends feel that a successful career is ahead of him. He is a worthy young man in whom Sarasota gains a valuable citizen.

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